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Universal Aryan Brotherhood Member Sentenced to 262 Months in Prison for Racketeering and Related Violence

A member of the Universal Aryan Brotherhood (UAB) prison gang was sentenced today in federal court to 262 months in prison for conspiring to conduct a racketeering enterprise and related charges, announced Assistant Attorney General Leslie R. Caldwell of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Danny C. Williams Sr. of the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Ronnie Dean Haskins II, aka Dirty Red, 43, of Oklahoma, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Claire V. Eagan of the Northern District of Oklahoma, who also ordered Haskins to serve five years of supervised release.

In connection with his guilty plea, Haskins acknowledged his membership in or association with the UAB, a violent, "whites only" prison-based gang with members and associates operating inside and outside of state prisons throughout Oklahoma.

According to admissions made in connection with his plea, Haskins conspired in racketeering activities to advance the UAB enterprise, including possessing and selling 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. Haskins admitted that he orchestrated and participated in the May 2013 kidnapping and maiming of a former UAB member who violated the UAB by-laws by helping restrain the victim while additional gang members burned off the victim's UAB neck tattoo using a heated knife, causing permanent scarring.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations Division; FBI; Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and Oklahoma Department of Corrections investigated the case. Trial Attorney John C. Hanley of the Criminal Division's Organized Crime and Gang Section and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Allen Litchfield and Jan Reincke of the Northern District of Oklahoma are prosecuting the case.